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Callahan County Library News

New books at the library are: Double Cross by James David Jordan, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days by Jeff Kinney, The Double Jack Murders by Patrick McManus, Mr. & Miss Anonymous by Fern Michaels, and The Mermaid in the Basement by Gilbert Morris.

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From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon

November 20, 1880

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Col. J. Stoddard Johnston, editor Frankfort, Ky., Yeoman, late Secretary of State, now chairman Democratic State Central Committee and nephew of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, called at our office last Thursday. The Col. has spent several days in town and was the guest of Capt. Berry. We are always glad to meet our brethren of the press.

Geo. T. Hall, formerly of Hall's works and son of Col. Hall, who, it will be remembered, met with the painful accident of being severely powder burnt while in the act of blasting in the big cut, has had his left eye extracted. Dr. Clinton performed the operation at Dallas. We are told that it does not improve the other eye as it was hoped, but his general health is improving. A half hour was consumed in this delicate operation, the patient refusing to take chloroform, but stood it like a brave general.

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12-13-09 to 12-19-09 CASES INVESTIGAT-

Warnings- 90 Complaints- 40

DWI-2 Fugitive Arrest- Felony Theft-1

ACCIDENTS

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time

16 State Senators All 150 State Representatives

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Judges Attorneys

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All District Clerks All District and County Clerks

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Precincts 2 & 4 Justices of the Peace (except those with a place 1

designation) XXX Baird

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Homestead **Happenings**

Baird, Texas 79504

Submitted by Mark Sanchez

Merry Christmas!! We have wrapped up a couple of very busy weeks. We reached a major milestone of great importance to the facility and we also had lots of fun with the residents.

We have had our corrections accepted by the State of Texas from our November inspection. We had to redo a bunch of lighting, so we will be doing a lot of painting. As an initiative, I have recreated a room refurbishment checklist and we will be "updating" all rooms by June. We have also done some minor electrical work around the building. I am excited about the things we have planned for the building.

Lots of visitors to the facility through the holidays!!

We had the student council from Eula High School come and sing to the residents. The residents enjoyed the carols and the cookies and punch the Eula students brought over. The students intermixed with the residents passing out the treats and it was fun to overhear the conversations. The residents asked about college and the students asked about things our residents did for a living. It was great interaction for both. I appreciate them coming over and spending time with us.

We also had the CAC Sign choir from Abilene come in and it was fun to watch them sing and do their signing. I wanted to learn a few signs but they were way too fast I was lucky to be able to wave bye. They did a great job and some of the signs are very difficult with the beat of some of the carols.

The Baird First Graders came out and sang carols for our residents as well. The kids made cards and pictures for the residents and it was fun to see them sing. We really appreciate the school and the kids for coming out. We hope to do this more often.

I have to congratulate our Clyde High School nurse aide program. Those ladies did their floor work (clinical All Criminal District time) and are ready to test

Basketball Scores

Girls

Eula 54, Albany 44

Winters 41, Baird 35

Wichita Falls Hirschi 44, Clyde 25

> Boys Ira 39, Eula 38

Clyde 54, Snyder 30



Baird First Graders visit with residents at Homestead Nursing and Rehab in Baird

on January 6th. Kind of sad to see them finish their hours and get off our floor. I enjoyed having all those bubbly spirits and smiles in the building. The girls and their teachers were here all day and part of another in addition to their regular visits. We have even had have to admire that kind of drive and spirit in those young ladies! They all gave a lot of great care and I wish them well on their exam.

We have made four trips to go see Christmas lights in Abilene. We drove to the state school and then around a few locations in Abilene then we come home. We have some impressive displays in Baird as well that we hit as we left town. We had 23 residents make the trip and some family members joined us. That is a great participation number for such a late event on cold nights.

One of the trips made a surprise stop for cookies and chocolate at my house!! My girls enjoyed getting out there and providing cookies.

for certification by the state I don't know if the residents got more marshmallows or if my eight year old did. My trip got the State School Santa on the bus to wish the residents a Merry Christmas. Scott and Karla stopped at McDonald's on another trip. The last trip bought goodies at the concession at the State School.

Activity Director Melissa a few of them come in on Long had the resident their Christmas break and singing carols on the way to get more practice. You to Abilene, and she was upstaged by one of our ninety year old residents! She had her reindeer antlers on and she belted out those carols.

> The staff has done a great job with lights, Frosty made of hay, the tree and the building! The Missions of Miracles brought gift boxes for all our residents. We also had Church of Christ that also brought in presents for the residents. Johnnie Plunk came to the Resident Party and brought some gifts. We cannot thank Johnnie enough, for all the behind the scenes help and resources she provides. It was good to have her in the building, again.

Our staff also adopted residents and bought gifts for them as well. I really appreciate that kind of effort. Some of the lowest paid workers in the building buying multiple gifts for the residents which is a statement of the caring and giving our staff does. Those are the people that make this a special home. We had lots of presents at the Christmas party and we had a great time. Santa showed up and some family members showed up.

The Church of Christ also provided refreshments for our December Resident Birthday Party. We enjoyed the Angel Food Cake!! We really appreciate all the work they have done and all the support they have given us through the year. Tables, donations, gifts - we ask and they deliver. Most of the time we don't even need to ask - they just deliver. Thank you so much!

When I came here I said this was Baird's home and I can certainly say that since I have gotten here the community has really given to this home. The Co-Op, Dairy Queen, First National Bank of Baird, Church of Christ, The Methodist Church – who is hosting the January Resident Birthday Party, Kelton's and the list goes on - the residents really enjoy what we are trying to do and we could not do it without you.



Sign choir gets ready to do some signing and singing

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American Life in Poetry

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Many if not all of us have had the pleasure of watching choruses of young people sing. It's an experience rich with affirmation, it seems to me. Here is a lovely poem by Tim Nolan, an attorney in Minneapolis.

At the Choral Concert

The high school kids are so beautiful in their lavender blouses and crisp white shirts.

They open their mouths to sing with that far-off stare they had looking out from the crib.

Their voices lift up from the marble bed of the high altar to the blue endless ceiling

of heaven as depicted in the cloudy domeand we-as the parents-crane our necks

to see our children and what is above usand ahead of us-until the end when we

are invited up to sing with them-sopranos and altos-tenors and basses-to sing the great

Hallelujah Chorus-and I'm standing with the other stunned and gray fathers-holding our sheet music-

searching for our parts-and we realizeour voices are surprisingly rich-experienced-

For the Lord God omnipotent reignethand how do we all know to come in

at exactly the right moment?—Forever and ever and how can it not seem that we shall reign

forever and ever-in one voice with our beautiful children-looking out into all those lights.

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Double Vision

by Ruth York

(This story is continued from our last edition...)

I decided to climb Old Baldy. Once before I had seen some lovely valleys where mists should linger. And it was an easy, well-marked trail.

I got a couple of quick sketches before the sun burned off the mist. Securing the wet papers in a protective case tied to my knapsack, I hiked to the crest of Old Baldy. I ate a sandwich, rested, and watched the cloud shadows on the distant peaks. Then I headed back to camp.

I found Pat at her easel, pastels at hand.

"Get any rest?" I greeted her.

"All day," she answered. "But when I caught myself doodling three pictures in a row, I gave up and came outside."

I laughed. "See, this country is inspiring!"

I watched admiringly as she finished her rendition of the campground? flashes of color among pines, afternoon sun slanting through branches.

I got out my sketches and saw a startled look cross Pat's face. I looked at my work again. They were good, but ? Had I improved that much while we'd been apart?

Pat looked them over critically. "Nice wet-on-wet effect," she said at last.

I had expected more, and felt deflated. The talk turned, as ever, to the merits of watercolors vs. pastels, of brushes vs. sticks of color, and wet vs. dry. Spontaneity ver-

Meanwhile I stashed my gear and kindled a camp fire. In short order potatoes roasted in the ashes and steaks sizzled over the coals while Pat tossed a salad. The tall, bearded camper next door, who had introduced himself as Bill Williams, wandered over, wearing red plaid flannel shirt and jeans. We traded dinner for mountain stories until dark. A New Mexico native, he had done a lot of hiking and skiing above Ruidoso.

Next morning I set off to Lake Bonita. Exactly what was I looking for, I asked myself as I hiked along the edge of the placid lake.

I found it when I came upon an isolated cove. A small red and blue tent complimented the forest greens and distant purples reflected in the still water. I propped my board on a stump, dipped water from the lake, wet my brush.

Pleased with the results, I packed up before noon.

After lunch with Pat I'd go out again.

Pat had always been my best critic, but after her meager response the previous day, I resolved to control my innate impulse to show off my accomplishments. To my pleasure, Pat asked to see what I'd done.

Feeling oddly vulnerable, I pulled the four watercolor sketches from my knapsack and propped them on the couch. Without looking at Pat, I moved behind her. I was practically holding my breath. This is silly, I thought, and tried to relax.

She looked at each sketch intently. A smothered sound and a slight shake of her head raised my apprehension. I sensed something was wrong. What?

Then she straightened.

"Nat?" she began, a puzzled look in her eyes.

A knock rattled the trailer door.

"Oh, that's Bill," Pat said, her face clearing magi-

cally. "I invited him for lunch. OK?" "Sure," I said. I put the pictures away thoughtfully. I'd never seen a knock light such instant pleasure in Pat's face.

From the conversation at lunch, Bill and Pat had spent the morning together, she painting and he evidently admiring each stroke.

"I tell you, that has to be Lake Bonita! Sure you've never been there?"

"We drove past it on the way up," I volunteered. "I just made up a water scene," Pat explained mod-

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Bill said positively, "I tell you, it's a dead ringer for Bonita. The way she made the light sparkle on the water? This is some artist you've got for a sister, Nat."

Her cheeks were a becoming pink and a lovely sparkle shone in her brown eyes. The mountains, I asked myself? or Bill?

I began to feel like the unwanted part of a crowd. Pat insisted on doing the dishes? and Bill volunteered to help? so I packed fresh paper in my backpack and

hurried off again, in the pickup this time. I followed winding lumber roads to Monjou Lookout, a rock fire fighter's observation point. The timber-androck lodge seemed to grow right out of the mountain crest. I left the truck in the unpaved parking area and followed the rough stone steps to the top. The lodge, which was living quarters as well as observation tower for a fire spotter, was locked and silent. It had been last time, I remembered, and wondered if it was occupied this summer.

(to be continued......)

This New Year

All preachers and teachers tell us There's nothing like a new beginning Explaining much about the fuss Regarding such uncertain endings.

So be of good cheer for once each year New Years promise has good attending Egg nog and beer expels some fears For such is the certain intending.

The preachers say and teachers say Starting anew is so depending Upon each day along the way Is spent at constructing and mending.

This New Year and every New Year Be watchful for things worth remembering Resolutions and solutions They both have optimistic trendings.

May this new one be much more fun Filled with your happiest days unending Such good will come to see we won With no complaining or pretending. By Wendell L. Smith Eastland, Texas

Have a Safe & **Merry Christmas**





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A Holiday Story

A man named Bob May, depressed and brokenhearted, stared out his drafty apartment window into the chilling December night. His 4year-old daughter Barbara sat on his lap quietly sobbing. Bob's wife, Evelyn, was dying of cancer.

Little Barbara couldn't understand why her mommy could never come home. Barbara looked up into her dad's eyes and asked, "Why isn't Mommy just like everybody else's Mommy?" Bob's jaw tightened and his eyes welled with tears. Her question brought waves of grief, but also of anger. It had been the story of Bob's life. Life always had to be different for Bob.

Small when he was a kid, Bob was often bullied by other boys. He was too little at the time to compete in sports. He was often called names he'd rather not remember. From childhood, Bob was different and never seemed to fit in.

Bob did complete college, married his loving wife and was grateful to get his job as a copywriter at

Montgomery Ward during the Great Depression. Then he was blessed with his little girl. But it was all short-lived. Evelyn's bout with cancer stripped them of all their savings and now Bob and his daughter were forced to live in a two-room apartment in the Chicago slums. Evelyn died just days before Christmas in 1938.

Bob struggled to give hope to his child, for whom

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he couldn't even afford to buy a Christmas gift. But if he couldn't buy a gift, he was determined a make one - a storybook! Bob had created an animal character in his own mind and told the animal's story to little Barbara to give her comfort and hope. Again and again Bob told the story, embellishing it more with each telling. Who was the character? What was the story all about? The story Bob May created was his own autobiography in fable form. The character he created was a misfit outcast like he was. The name of the character?

Bob finished the book just in time to give it to his little girl on Christmas Day. But the story doesn't end

A little reindeer named Ru-

dolph, with a big shiny nose.

there. The general manager of Montgomery Ward caught wind of the little storybook and offered Bob May a nominal fee to purchase the rights to print the book. Wards went on to print, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and distrib-

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returned all rights back to Bob May.

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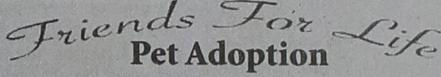
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Bob's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, made a song ad-The book became a best aptation to Rudolph. Though distributed more than six mil-seller. Many toy and market-the song was turned down by such popular vocalists same year, a major publisher May, now remarried with as Bing Crosby and Dinah wanted to purchase the rights a growing family, became Shore, it was recorded by the singing cowboy, Gene Autry. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was released in 1949 and became a phenomenal success, selling more records than any other Christmas song, with the exception

of "White Christmas."

The gift of love that Bob May created for his daughter so long ago kept on returning back to bless him again and again. And Bob May learned the lesson that, just like his dear friend Rudolph, being different isn't so bad. In fact, being different can be a bless-

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- 13. Tooth caregiver 21. 9th Greek letter
- 22. Starch from the cuckoopint
- 30. Catholic service
- 29. Maple genus
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43. British order of honor

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55. One who cuts

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One needs to remember, that in the event of a crash everything in the vehicle is moving at the same speed as the vehicle is traveling. So, if you are holding a 10 lb

With Christmas just around child in a vehicle that is travwill feel like a 300 lb object being ripped from your arms, or from the seat if they are older and not secured in any way. Unrestrained children or adults for that matter can be ejected from a vehicle during a crash, most of the time through a side window, or even the windshield or rear window. No one wants to spend their Christmas or New Years in the hospital or making funeral arrangements because someone was not secured in a seat belt or child safety seat.

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Also, as apart of this new law, 15 passenger vans are now covered under this law, prior to this they were not. This includes those used by day care centers, and they are also required to attend a 1-2 hr training on the proper use of child safety seats and booster seats in these vans. So, if your child is transported in one of these type vans, make sure that the center

personnel has received the required training.

This new law went into effect out this current car seat re- HYPERLINK "http://www. calls that you may have seen djgusa.com" \t "_blank" on TV. There have been at www.djgusa.com If you least three injuries to babies in the United States, includhead injury, but there have the recalled seats. been no complaints or injuries reported in Canada.

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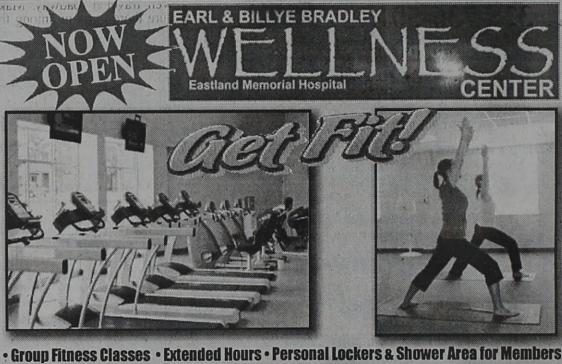
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By Sandra Parker Brownwood District PIO Christmas is just around the corner and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is working to make the trip to Grandma's house — and back — easier than it was at Thanksgiving for the many validles began to negotiate the

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motorists who were caught in the traffic jam on IH 20 near Ranger Hill in Eastland County (mile marker 356).

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one lane construction area near Ranger Hill. Fans going home from high school and college play-off games, Black Friday shoppers and college students headed back to school joined heavy holiday traffic to create a tsunami of vehicles for several miles in both east and west bound lanes.

It is very common to have highway construction on the interstate but the project at the foot of Ranger Hill is particularly challenging because the lack of service roads on the hill means all traffic must stay on the interstate. The proximity of the project to the hill requires a longer than normal single lane construction zone causing delays even under normal traffic conditions. Once away from the hill, there are no connecting service roads to accommodate high traffic volumes.

TxDOT officials

accommodate high traffic volumes.

TxDOT officials believe that while there may be traffic delays in the construction area, Christmas traffic will not create the same congestion problem that was experienced at Thanksgiving. Many colleges have already dismissed classes for the holiday and students have gone home. Public schools have a different winter break schedule therefore, not everyone should

different winter break schedule therefore, not everyone should be traveling the same day.

Regardless of what traffic volumes are, TxDOT has developed a plan to improve traffic movement. Two west bound lanes will be open but east bound traffic will continue to use a single lane from the top of Ranger Hill to the end of the work zone (work zone is approximately 3 miles).

Portable and permanent message boards will

permanent message boards will be strategically placed along IH 20 from west of Abilene to Ft. Worth to advise motorists to consider taking an alternate route in case of congestion or long delays. TxDOT employees will monitor traffic and activate message boards as needed to help divert traffic before it reaches the congested

When traveling in winter weather, regardless of how long or short the trip might be, it is always a good idea to have an emergency plan in place. Plan ahead by taking account of the weather and road construction or of gas, leave early and have an alternate route marked on a map as a back-up to in case your GPS doesn't work. It is always safer to stay on a wall traveled read use. Make well traveled roadway. Make sure there is room among the Christmas presents for warm clothing, blankets, water, an emergency kit, and food. A little preparation goes a long way to keep you and your family safe and comfortable in an unexpected situation.
TxDOT's Brownwood

District is responsible for IH 20 in Eastland County, where Ranger Hill is located.

Farm Service Agency News

Submitted by John Bird RESULTS FOR THE 2009 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

On December 10 the Farm Service Agency County Committee counted the election ballots. Thank you for the great response.

The results of the election are as follows: Danny Snider of Gorman was elected as member. Johnny Gann of Ranger will be the first alternate. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to run and serve the farmers and ranchers of Eastland County.

The FSA County Committee will be as follows for 2010: Danny Snider, LAA1, Ralph Berry, LAA2, Brandon Geye, LAA3, and Wynelle Brown, Advisor.

These your representatives. They serve as a link between farmers and ranchers and the USDA. If you are unsure of the LAA (area) that you are in or who your representative is, come by or call the office.

2009 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) compensates eligible

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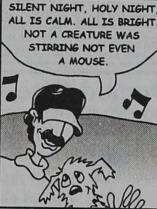
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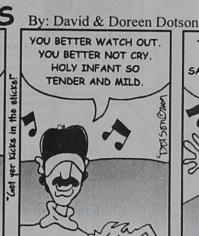
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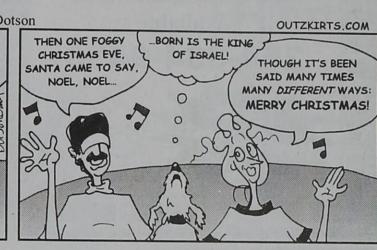
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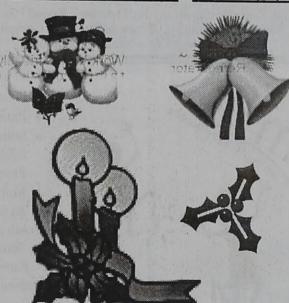
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Pictured is Olga Fay Parker at her 95th birthday celebration. She wanted to thank everyone for flowers, cards and parties.

Tidbits... by 90.42.0.

Christmas! Christmas! MAY WE all once again always emphasize the first syllable!

The Nativity is the Star, the Shepherds, the Stable, but most of all the obedient parents and the Holy Child.

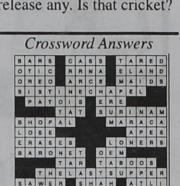
This has been portrayed in so many ways, abused in so many ways, neglected in so many ways, and when all is said and done, it's really just a matter for a person's heart. One either gets the message, or one doesn't.

We old timers are bad about "remembering them" and

lamenting that it's not like tainly the year 2009 surely must give us all pause to wonder. Wasn't there once a time when we could pretty well as least have an inkling of what's in the road ahead?

Political correctness and privacy policies have made reporting local news and happenings more difficult.

The local paper would dearly love to print all school honor roll lists as most other local papers do, but because some parents in some towns don't want their children's names on any thing but the A roll, one school doesn't release any. Is that cricket?



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Telephone operators once found the person we were trying to contact. Ice cream cones once sold for a nickel and on Saturday you could see two westerns, a serial and four cartoons at the old Connellee Theatre for a quarter, and set in the balcony and smoke cigarettes if you wanted to. So very few things are "like they used to be". Progress?

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hearts, things could be even

All are feeling the pinch in one way or another, and looking for a brighter tomorrow. The world and national news isn't terribly encouraging, and invariably we all tend to wonder: are our leaders leading or are they as confused as we are?

On the local level folks still work together and move forward with hopes and plans for meeting needs for now and in the future.

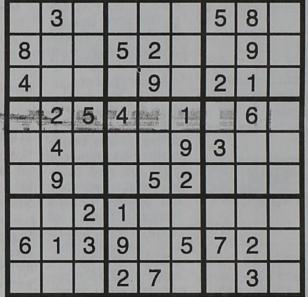
And for those of us who

understand that the Nativity is a major phase in the Master's Plan which was culminated at Cavalry, there is another day. Scary is the fact that we are seeing those important events being "plowed under" and "pushed aside" in favor of what is often called political correctness.

Consider: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can chage the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has .--Margaret Mead.







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Sizzling Summer Dieting Tips

be some of the best food we bles can also be cooked on eat all year. Backyard barbecues, picnics at the park and, of course, ice cream, decorate the menus people enjoy each summer.

As enjoyable as warmweather fare can be, it is important to avoid overeating during the hot months, as no one likes the bloated feeling of overeating on a hot day. When planning your meals this summer, consider the following tips to ensure that your summer is both healthy and not too filling.

* Take your grilling to parts unknown. While it's common to associate grilling and barbecuing with steaks, hot dogs and burgers, the grill can also be a great place to cook healthier

Summertime cuisine can choices. Fruits and vegetathe grill. Veggies gain much in regards to flavor when cooked on the grill. In addition, fruit can be made into kabobs and grilled on low heat for a delicious meal.

> * Drink your water. The higher temperatures common to summer can lead to dehydration for those who don't drink ample fluids. What's more, the symptoms of dehydration can mimic those of hunger, making you feel hungry when you might not be. To avoid overeating and dehydration, be sure to drink the recommended daily amount of water.

> * Snack healthy as well. It's not only meals that can weight you down during summer heat waves. What

you snack on while at the office or lounging around the house can make you feel sluggish as well. Instead of potato chips or other heavy snacks, choose lighter fare such as fresh berries. Berries can even be added to healthy snacks such as yogurt or salad to give them a boost in flavor and you a boost in energy.

* Think lean. Because it is grilling season, you're not going to entirely abandon summer favorites such as steaks and burgers. And you can still enjoy beef and be healthy at the same time. When shopping with a backyard barbecue in mind, look for lean cuts of beef such as sirloin and loin cuts. To add flavor, marinate the meat in a low-calorie marinade, such as light salad dressing or even citrus juice.

Summer a Great Time to Go Green

Summer is synonymous with many things, such as vacations, backyard barbecues and soaking up the sun. While those have long been summertime traditions, summer can also be a great time to start living a more environmentally conscious lifestyle. And many of these lifestyle adjustments are easy to make, especially during the warmer months of the year.

* Let nature dry your clothes. Clothes dryers need substantial amounts of energy to operate. Homeowners can greatly reduce their carbon footprint, however, by choosing to dry their clothes outdoors on a clothesline during summer months.

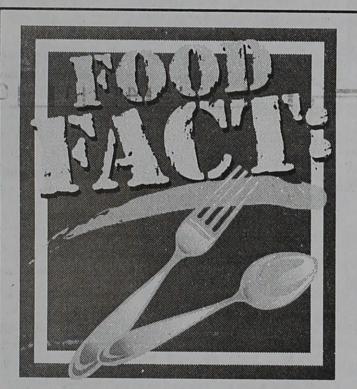
* Install solar lights around your property. Another way to save energy, and money, around the house this summer is to install solar garden lights around the property. Such lights are typically inexpensive, and the daytime sunlight will power them through the night, saving energy and money.

* Cover the pool. Few things are more enjoyable come summertime than taking a dip in the backyard pool. While pools are not typically seen as environmentally friendly, covering the pool can make it much more beneficial to the environment. That's because a cover will keep water from evaporating, meaning you'll fill the pool far less often. And a pool cover will keep the heat in the pool, reducing your heating costs in the process.

* Change the bulbs. Energy-saving light bulbs inside the house can make your home more comfortable once the temperatures heat up. Energy-saving bulbs emit less heat and also last much longer than their traditional counterparts.

* Change your barbecue routine. Backyard barbecues are a staple of summertime for families across the country. However, these gatherings can often prove unfriendly to the environment. Rather than using paper plates or napkins at your next backyard barbecue, use reusable plastic plates and cloth napkins. This is far less wasteful and can make a very positive impact on the environment.

* Don't be so quick to turn on the air conditioning. Air conditioners use substantial amounts of energy. In lieu of turning the air on at the first sign of a heat wave, consider installing ceiling fans or simply opening the windows.

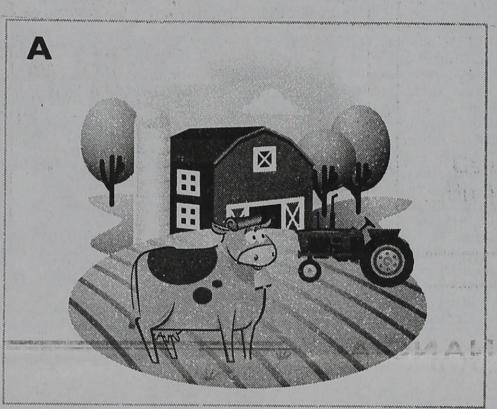


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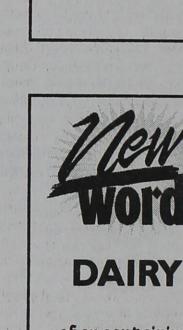




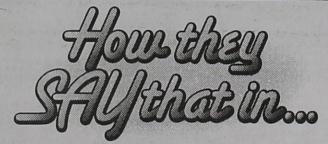
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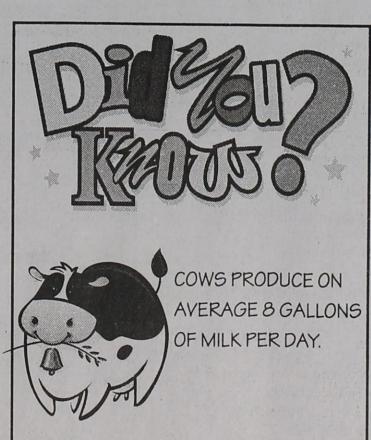
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Obituaries

William A. 'Bill' Lewis

PUTNAM- William A. "Bill" Lewis, 91, of Baird died Monday, December 14, 2009 at a Baird Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Baird with Rev. John Westman Howard-Bailey officiating. Funeral Home of Clyde was in charge of the arrangements.

Bill was born October 7, 1918 in Canton, Oklahoma to J.M. and Sadie (Tish) Lewis. He moved to Dearborn, Michigan with his family at an early age, where he finished high school and attended Michigan State College. He served in the US Army Air Corp in WW II in Europe and then settled in Dallas to live on his return from overseas.

Bill married Marie Fisher Maxwell on November 25, 1982 in Gonzales, Texas. He worked as a carpenter, flew

transport planes for Ford Motor Company and then became a tile setter. He was a Mason, Scotish Rite and Shriner. He was a lifetime member in Michigan and Dallas. He lived in Callahan County from 1982. Bill was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church in Baird, rarely missing a service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.M. and Sadie Lewis; one sister, Ellen and one brother, Donald Lewis.

Survivors are his wife, Marie Lewis of Putnam; one daughter, Bonnie Lynn Benningfield of Ocala, Florida; 3 stepchildren, Grover "Buddy" Maxwell of Abilene, Christina Miller of Branson, Missouri, and Cathy Green of Robert Lee; 13 grandchildren, 12 greatgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews in Dearborn, Michigan.

Harley Lee Ingram

65, of Clyde, Texas, died Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at an Abilene Care Center.

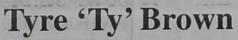
Memorial services were held Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Bible Baptist Church in Clyde with Bro. Larry Hooper and Bro. Dave Hulsey officiating, directed by Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Harley was born October 24, 1944 in Haskell to James Henry and Mabel Ann (Keel) Ingram. He was a 1963 graduate of May High School. He married Etta Lou Fry on March 26, 1965 in Brownwood. They moved to Clyde from Brownwood in 1991. He was a used car dealer for 43 years having sold cars in Brownwood and Abilene. by his father; one brother; and He also worked for the City two sisters.

CLYDE- Harley Lee Ingram, of Brownwood as a firefighter for 9 years. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Clyde.

> Survivors are his wife, Etta Lou of Clyde; one son, Lee and wife, Debbie Ingram of Clyde; one daughter, Shannon and husband, David Saucillo of Pasadena; his mother, Mabel Ann Ingram of May; two sisters, Lanetta Chupp of DeLeon and Sue Jackson and husband, James of May; seven grandchildren, Stephen Ingram, Trisha Ingram, Blake Saucillo, Brenden Sauciillo, Lacey Castille, Jerika Harwell, and Brayden Shockley; two great-grandchildren, Hailey and Everett.

> He was preceded in death



57, of Baird, Texas, died family over the years. Tuesday, December 15, 2009 in Palestine, Texas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Baird with Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiating. Interment followed at Potosi Cemetery. Parker Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ty was born July 18, 1952, in Victoria, Texas, to Jimmy Earl and Patsy Ann Kelley Brown. He attended school there and graduated from Victoria High School in 1969. Ty moved to Baird from Clyde in 2004, and married Carla Rodriguez on May 28, 2005, in Clyde, Texas. He was a livestock dealer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Baird. He is remembered as being devoted first to God, then his family, and then the cattle business. His extended Rodriguez family

BAIRD- Tyre "Ty" Brown, becamse as one with his Brown

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Earl Brown; a brother, Bryan Brown; and a granddaughter, Molly Jo McLaughlin.

Survivors are his wife, Carla Brown of Baird; one daughter, Kelley Shawn McLaughlin and husband, Kelley of Baird; two sons, Brud Barrett Brown and wife, Karisa of New Braunfels, Texas and Christen Cecil Rodriguez and wife, Tara of Clyde; his mother, Pat Kelley Logan and husband, Don of Gonzales; one brother, Jeffrey Kelley Brown and wife, Cindy of Attica, Kansas; his motherin-law, Mildred Rodriguez of Baird; three grandchildren, Cassidy Hope McLaughlin, Baylor Barrett Brown, and Cade Riley Rodriguez. Ty was a devoted uncle and brotherin-law to many.

Priscilla Renee Price

CLYDE- Priscilla Renee Price, 45, of Clyde died Monday, December 21, 2009 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at the Bible Baptist Church. Rev. Larry Hooper officiated. Burial followed in the Hamby Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Pricilla was born May 27, 1964 in Anaheim, California to Buster and Ouida (Hewitt) Davidson, Sr. She attended Midland Christian in Midland.

She was the widow of William Price who she married in Midland on October 1, 1983. She moved to Clyde from Lampasas in 1991. She was a homemaker and had formerly worked at the Abilene State School.

She was a Baptist.

Valerie Harris and husband

She was preceded in death by her mother and her hus-

Johnathan, Jessica Price, and nephews.



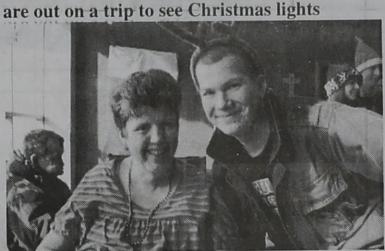
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Santa visits with residents on the bus while they



Eula student council member spreads Christmas cheer to a resident at Baird **Homestead & Nursing**

and twins, Shiloh and Cheyenne Padget all of Clyde; her father, Buster Davidson, Sr. of Clyde; two brothers, Buster Davidson, Jr. and wife Barbara of Clyde, Kevin and wife Amanda of Brownwood; two sisters, Denise Davidson of Abilene and Shea Maddux and husband Reggie of Clyde; five grandchildren, Mason Harris, Devin Lucas, Brookelyn Harris, Cassidy Lucas, and Survivors are four children, Hunter Lucas; 10 nieces and nephews and 7 great nieces

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Dist/Div: Abilene 0006-04-068 Contract for INSTALL CABLE BARRIER in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on January 05, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must prequalification submit information to TxDOT at

least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 31604 State Office

> Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clack

Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. (12-17, 12-24-09)

Ann Williams Real Estate WILLIAMS RANCH PROPERTIES

601 Conrad Hilton Cisco ACREAGE

30 Acres on Lake Cisco — Eastland Co- very unique property that has great Lake Cisco frontage wooded mostly with oak trees, large hill with great views of SOLD — in g & hunting, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quall \$105,000 and \$13.32 Acres — Eastland Co- wooded mostly with oak trees, several large hills with views down to canyons & a creek, paved road frontage, very nice property, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quall, \$72,000 and \$22 Acres — Eastland Co- mostly per orbard, mostly open with some scattered trees, rolling hill with View, close to water line, excellent home site, deer, turkey, dove, quall \$2,225 per acre.

45 Acres—Eastland Co- mostly coastal field with scattered oaks, pond \$2,250 per acre.

45.75 Acres—Eastland Co- mostly coastal field with scattered oaks, pond with oaks, one field in logs, love, & quall \$114,000 for Acres—Eastland Co- Wooded & open with fields, large hill with view, pond, electricity, joins large ranches, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$1,900 per acre.

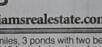
65.43 Acres—Eastland Co- wooded with oaks, large hill with great view, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$148,000 72 Acres—Callahan Co- completely wooded with hills, live oak creek runs through the proposition of the population of t

line, wildlife includes
per acre
91 Acres – Eastland
creek, deer, turkey, 1
95 Acres—Callahan Co- mixed wooded & field, rolling hill, creek,
pond, water line along side property, paved road frontage, next to
Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, &
quail \$1,675 per acre
98 Acres—Callahan Co- mostly wooded with hills & two creeks,
pond, small field, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer,
turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$2,000 per acre
105 Acres—Callahan Co- mostly wooded with mesquite & oak trees,
rolling hill, creek, 2 ponds, water line along side property, small field,
paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer,
turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre
108 Acres—Eastland Co- wooded & open, hill with a view, creek, 4
ponds, camper, feeders & blinds, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs,
dove, duck, & quail \$2,100 per acre
114 Acres on Battle Creek—Callahan Co- wooded, hill, 2 creeks,
1 large creek with spreader dam, pond, lots of water, good road
frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey,
hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$285,000
116 Acres on Sabana Riiver—Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oak
& plm trees Sabana Riiver—Eastland Co- mostly wooded with oak

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large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 3 ponds with two being large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creek, 110 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,750 per acre 310 Acres — Callahan Co- completely wooded with several very large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 4 ponds with one being very large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creek, 130 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,750 per acre 318 Acres—Callahan Co- mostly wooded with fields, rolling hill, creek, 4 ponds, water line along side properly, paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre 336 Acres—Callahan Co- wooded & open in fields, hills, creek with draw, several ponds, excellent road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,925 per acre

acre

344 Acres on Leon River —Eastland Co- mostly wooded with a large portion of big pecan tree bottoms, live oak & post oak trees too, several very large hills with great views, 4 different creeks & the Leon River runs through the property, 1 lake, 3 ponds, various wetland areas, lots of water, barn, water well, good fishing & lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$2,500 per acre.

612 Acres —Callahan Co- completely wooded with several very large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 7 ponds with several being very large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creeks, 140 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,750 per acre

HOMES

2 BR, 2 bath Home, den, LR, mostly double paned windows, large storage bldg, or shop, 2 lots, 6 ft. chain link fence, \$38,500

3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home with CH/A, mostly wood floors, very large LR, carport, 2 lots, \$55,000.

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home. CH/A inside freshly painted, custom cabinets, floor coverings replestorage bldg, on approx. Facre. Heduced to \$62,000.

Very Large Home - 3 kitchens, 3 living rooms, full bath, two 3/4 baths and several bedrooms. Owner could live in middle part and have rental income from both ends or use all for 3 rental units. Many large oak trees. Very big backyard with outbuildings. Reduced to \$68,500.

3 BR, 2 bath home with CH/A, double pane windows, good closet space, garage, fenced backyard, outside Eastland city limits. \$89,500.

4 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, formal DR, utility room, many nice kitchen cabinets, 2 CH/A units, garage with large storage room, \$86,000.

Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath hords, bords, big utility room, mail garage, patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$112,000.

Great View of Lake and Golf Course from balcony, 3 BR, 2 bath home with 2 family refered backyard, string on many large oak trees, many l

WBFP, covered balcony, many large oak trees, on approx. 1/2 acre. Reduced to \$112,000 Lots of Character - Large 4 BR, 2 3/4 bath rock home, 2 family rooms, granite top kitchen cabinets, 9 ceiling fans, lots of storage, carport, detached 1 BR apartment, large corner property, fruit and oak trees.

hold dove, duck, & quail \$285,000

116 Acres on Sabana River-Eastland Co-mostly wooded with oak
& elm trees, Sabana
camper, deer, turkey, hogs, over duck, & quaii. \$244,000

120 Acres on Lake Cisco-Eastland Co-very unique property that
has great Lake Cisco-Eastland Co-very unique property that
has great turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$420,000

148 Acres - Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large
hill with views for measurements. SOLD

150 Acres - Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large
hill with views for measurements. SOLD

160 Acres - Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large
hill with views for measurements. SOLD

170 Acres - Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large
hill with views for measurements. SOLD

180 Acres - Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large
hill with views for measurements. SOLD

180 Acres - Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large
hill with oak trees, large Lots of Character - Wonderful 6 BR, 2 full, 3/4 and 1/2 baths, 2 story forms with DR, LR, breakfast nook, den with WBFP, large kitchen, utility room, balcony, 2 CH/A units, 2 vehicle garage, storage building, 3 lots, enced backyard, \$185,000.

148 Acres – Eastland Co-wooded mostly with oak trees, very large hill with views for mice pound, paved road frontage, very nice odd, and the second of the s Custom built in 2006 on top of hill, beautiful home with great view. 3 BRs, full, 3/4 and 1/2 baths, LR, DR, great kitchen with eating bar, office, CH/A, WBFP, double pane windows, many extras, or 10 acres, must

acre
164 Acres – Callahan Co- wooded, hill, creek, 2 ponds, remote with
large ranch neighbors, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes
deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$295,000
183 Acres – Callahan Co- wooded & open in fields, hills, draw, pond,
good road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer,
turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,925 per acre
223 Acres – Callahan Co- mostly wooded with fields, rolling hill, creek,
3 ponds, water line along side property, paved road frontage, next to
Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, &
quail \$1,675 per acre see to appreciate. \$189,000.

MULT-PURPOSE PROPERTY

Approx. 2,000 SF building can be used for church, recreational facility.
a 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home or other uses. Currently has 1 BR, 1 1/2 baths,
2 offices, kitchen, very large fellowship room, fireplace, 2 CH/A units,
large storage bldg on 0.65 acre, \$99,500. Adjoining 2.34 acres with nice
3 BR, 2 bath home, CH/A, large screened porch, hot tub and 2 vehicle
carport can be purchased for additional 99,500.

COMMERCIAL

Commercial property that fronts on Interstate 20, shop, small office
building, 2 large carports, previously used for inventory sales, Reduced
to \$65,000. Call for details.

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